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## LIBBY SCHOOL DISTRICT #4

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March 30, 2012

Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 02-6

CC Docket No. 96-45

REF: E-Rate Application #875720 Form 471

Entity# 135192 Funding Year 2012-2013

Received & inspected

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FCC Mail Room

To Whom It May Concern;

Please consider this a Request for Waiver for the above-referenced entity and funding year. Our application includes information for the following service providers:

AT&T Mobility 143025240

Citizens Telecomm co of Montana 143002547

At question is the "open window period" for filing the Form 471 and subsequent Attachment 21.

Although the window technically closed on March 20, 2012, I am requesting that my application be determined as filed within the open window period.

Since the beginning of February I have been in email contact with

Steve Chiou

Associate Manager - Program Integrity Assurance

30 Lanidex Plaza West | Parsippany, NJ 07054

Telephone: 973.581.5037 | Fax: 973.599.6522

Schiou(a)sl.universalservice.org

Steve had been assigned to gather more information on the previous year's funding and I mistakenly assumed that we were discussing this years' Form 471 (the application in question). I have attached the email correspondence regarding this issue.

Libby School District #4 has previously filed the necessary documents to fully participate in the E-Rate program. We are a small rural school district and fully appreciated the opportunity this program affords us to maintain the telecommunication and internet services in our district. We have been active in upgrading our services and are looking forward to offering our students and staff the benefits that E-Rate allows.

While I don't know if human error qualifies the application for reconsideration, I sincerely hope that our hard working students and educators will not be penalized.

Please feel free to contact me personally if you have any further question regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Lynn Emery

LPS E-Rate

Libby School District #4

Lynn Emery

(406) 293-8812 Ext. 1

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**Lynn Emery** <emeryl@libbyschools.org>
To: "Chiou, Steve" <Steve.CHIOU@sl.universalservice.org>

Mon, Mar 5, 2012 at 11:49 AM

#### Steve

I am attaching the invoice back up for the Alltel charges. Hope this is what you are looking for, I probably sent too much, but you can weed through it.

Let me know if you need further information.

Thanks.

Lynn Emery Libby School District #4 Accounts Payable 724 Louisiana Ave. Libby, MT 59923 (406) 293-8813 Ext. 1 Fax (406) 293-8814

#### 2 attachments

Erate Alltel 1.2011.pdf 11626K

Erate Alltel 11.2010.pdf 12393K



**Lynn Emery** <emeryl@libbyschools.org>
To: "Chiou, Steve" <Steve.CHIOU@sl.universalservice.org>

Mon, Mar 5, 2012 at 11:51 AM

Here are the other two months.

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# Notice: Form 470 Posted but No Associated Form 471 5 messages

**USAC S&L Notification** <SLNotification@lists.universalservice.org>

Fri, Mar 2, 2012 at 11:26

To: emeryl@libbyschools.org

Notification of Form 470 Posted but No Associated Form 471



Helping Keep Americans Connected I www.usac.org

# Notification of Form 470 Posted but No Associated Form 471 Funding Year 2012: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2013

March 2, 2012

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to identify and provide outreach to the schools and libraries that have timely posted an FCC Form 470 on USAC's website but have failed to file an FCC Form 471. USAC must provide notice to those applicants who have not filed their FCC Forms 471 so that they can comply with program rules if they choose to apply for E-rate funds.

USAC has received the FCC Form(s) 470, Description of Services Requested and Certification Form, listed below.

As of the date of this notice we have not received an FCC Form 471, Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form, for Funding Year 2012 that references one or more of the FCC Form(s) 470 on this list.

This letter provides the notice required by the Bishop Perry Order (FCC 06-54, released 5/19/2006) for you to submit a complete FCC Form 471 in time to be considered as filed within the application filing window. The FY2012 FCC Form 471 application filing window closes at 11:59 PM EDT on March 20, 2012.

Please disregard this notice if you have recently submitted your FCC Form 471 or will not be requesting Universal Service Funds for services based on any of the FCC Forms 470 listed below.

Complete program information is posted on our website. You may also contact our Client Service Bureau using the "Submit a Question" link on our website, toll-free by fax at (888) 276-8736, or toll-free by phone at (888) 203-8100.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Fri, Mar 30, 2012 at 8:25 AM

To: "Chiou, Steve" <Steve.CHIOU@sl.universalservice.org>

#### Steve:

Thanks so much for all your timely assistance...this is the email I received and have since received several "sales" calls and emails for service providers. Is there anyway to revamp the application process for small rural schools like ours? We have limited provider capability so posting our application out for bids is counter-productive. Thanks.

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**Chiou, Steve** <Steve.CHIOU@sl.universalservice.org>
To: Lynn Emery <emeryl@libbyschools.org>

Fri, Mar 30, 2012 at 8:41 AM

Hello Lynn,

I understand your question now. The e-mail you received below is simply a notice from USAC reminding you to file a Form 471 Application for 2012. You filed a Form 470 #200680000953728 however have not actually filed a Form 471 application yet. The reason you may be contacted by various vendors is due to the fact that Form 470s are made available to them. The purpose of doing so is to make sure that applicants are aware of the services that these vendors are able to provide, depending on the exact types of services that are being sought.

Program rules specify that even if your district is may already have a specific vendor or vendor(s) in mind, you must still provide for a fair analysis of other vendors so that competitive bidding requirements are met. Of course, if you are only contacted by a single vendor or if there is only one vendor capable of providing the service you want, then in this case you would have to select this vendor due to lack of other options.

Unfortunately, the USAC SLD does not differentiate between urban/rural or large/small districts in terms of rules and regulations. All applicants are held to the same standards and rules. Thus all applicants posting Form 470s across the country will have exposure to the various vendors available to provide their services.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if anything is unclear.

Thank you.

To: Chiou, Steve

Subject: Fwd: Notice: Form 470 Posted but No Associated Form 471

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From: USAC S&L Notification <SLNotification@lists.universalservice.org>

Date: Fri, Mar 2, 2012 at 11:26 AM

Subject: Notice: Form 470 Posted but No Associated Form 471

To: emeryl@libbyschools.org

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**Chiou, Steve** <Steve.CHIOU@sl.universalservice.org>
To: Lynn Emery <emeryl@libbyschools.org>

Fri, Mar 30, 2012 at 9:33 AM

Hello Lynn,

Since you are filling out an entirely new Form 471 application now, I would kindly advise you to contact our Client Service Bureau number at (888) 203-8100. I have limited knowledge regarding the steps involved during the actual filing of the Form 471 and would not want to mislead you in any way. The folks at Client Services would be able to provide further assistance concerning the specific issue you have brought up here.

Please let me know if you are not able to contact our Client Services at the number I provided.

Thank you.

Steve Chiou
Associate Manager – Program Integrity Assurance
30 Lanidex Plaza West | Parsippany, NJ 07054
Telephone: 973.581.5037 | Fax: 973.599.6522
Schiou@sl.universalservice.org

From: Lynn Emery [mailto:emeryl@libbyschools.org]

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 11:02 AM

To: Chiou, Steve

Subject: Re: Notice: Form 470 Posted but No Associated Form 471

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